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**Senator David P. Hinkins** proposes the following substitute bill:

# CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE

2015 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins** 

House	Sponsor:		

#### **LONG TITLE**

#### **General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses {strong} support for the Public Lands Initiative and for locally driven land use planning over unilateral federal action regarding Utah's public lands.

#### **Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- expresses (strong) support to counties in Utah that choose to participate in the
   Public Lands Initiative;
- expresses the Legislature's commitment to the ideals of local control, local ownership, and local lands management { and the belief that the Public Lands

Initiative would strengthen these ideals};

- expresses the Legislature's preference for locally driven land use planning over the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act of 1906;
- expresses support for the efforts of Utah's congressional delegation and participating counties in Utah to bring <u>some</u> resolution to the long-standing public land disputes;
   and
- encourages the ongoing {, open, and transparent} Public Lands Initiative to move forward.

#### **Special Clauses:**

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, perpetual land management, land use, and {land} access disputes on {federally owned}public lands in the state reduce economic development opportunities in local communities and impede successful management of lands and resources;

WHEREAS, resolving perpetual land management, land use, and <del>{land }</del>access disputes would bring regulatory certainty to local governments, spur economic development, and improve land, wildlife, air, water, forest, and range health;

WHEREAS, the Public Lands Initiative (PLI), an effort spearheaded by Utah's congressional delegation, the Governor's Office, Native American tribes, {the Legislature, }non-governmental organizations, and various Utah counties, is intended to bring resolution to perpetual land management, land use, and {land} access disputes and create some regulatory certainty for the citizens in Utah's public lands counties;

WHEREAS, PLI has the potential to boost mineral production, create jobs and economic growth, diminish the federal footprint in local communities, protect livestock grazing, enhance outdoor recreational opportunities, and increase state and local management of lands and resources;

WHEREAS, PLI provides {a once-in-a-generation}an opportunity to relocate { hundreds of thousands of} captured school trust parcels into more accessible, energy-rich areas of the state that could provide a higher { rate of} return for Utah's schoolchildren;

WHEREAS, PLI is complementary to Utah's Transfer of Public Lands Act, as both

efforts are designed to bring greater local control, local ownership, and public lands management to local communities;

WHEREAS, nothing in the PLI will prejudice the Utah's Transfer of Public Lands Act;

WHEREAS, the PLI is a critical first step in ongoing efforts to restore state control over the land within the state's border;

WHEREAS, Utah's congressional delegation, the Governor's Office, and the Legislature are committed to empowering local elected officials and garnering support from those closest to the land as part of PLI;

- WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor have been active participants as PLI has been developed;
- WHEREAS, several locations in Utah have been listed on United States Department of the Interior national monument planning documents;

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor prefer locally driven land use planning over the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act of 1906; and

WHEREAS, unilateral executive actions in any Utah county would impede locally driven planning efforts and likely stifle future public land management progress:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, expresses strong support to counties in Utah that choose to participate in the Public Lands Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express their commitment to the ideals of local control, local ownership, and local lands management and the belief that the Public Lands Initiative would strengthen these ideals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express their preference for locally driven land use planning over the unilateral use of the Antiquities Act of 1906.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express support for the efforts of Utah's congressional delegation and Utah's participating counties to bring <a href="mailto:some">some</a> resolution to { the} long-standing public land disputes and encourage the { ongoing, open, and transparent} Public Lands Initiative to move forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Utah

Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Utah Chamber of Commerce, the Native American Tribes participating in the Public Lands Initiative, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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